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# Mood Disorders in Parkinson's Disease: What's New?

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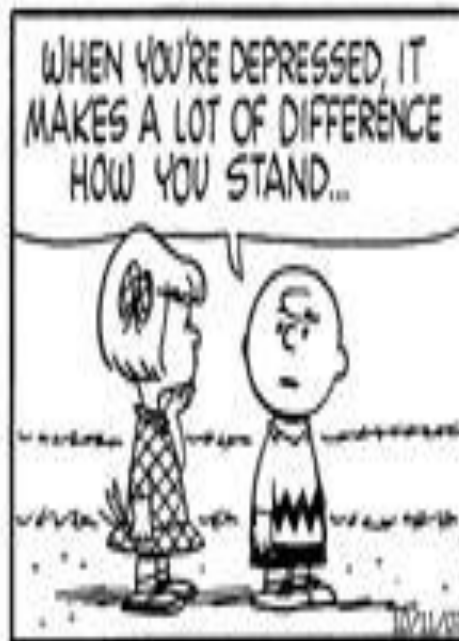
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This presentation may discuss use of medications that do not have FDA approval for treatment of psychiatric aspects of PD

# Parkinson's Disease and Depression



# Learning Objectives

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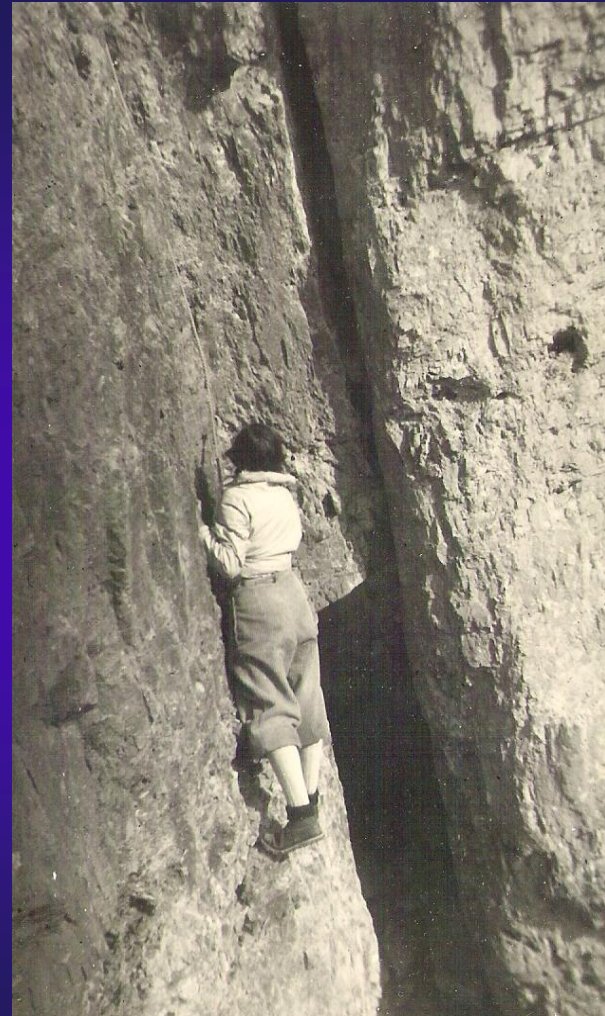
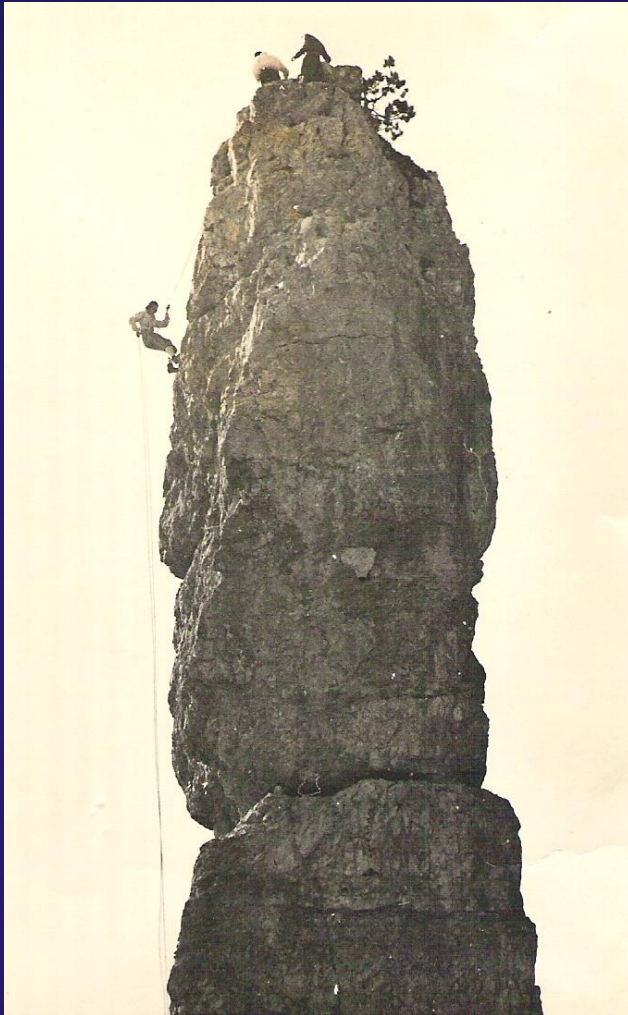
1. Describe the occurrence of depressive phenomena at different stages of PD
2. Recognize the features of depression in PD patients (and PD in depression)
3. Discuss treatment strategies for patients with PD and depression

# Case History

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- 86 yo WWF, deceased sec NSC met. Lung ca-2009
- Prior National Table Tennis Champ-Senior Division
- Onset Major Depressive Episode age 69
  - Recurrent episodes of depression
- Diagnosed with PD age 72 with dragging foot x 3 years, left hand tremor x 6 months
- Onset Generalized Anxiety Disorder age 80
- Cognitive changes age 80, decline age 82
- Intermittent Visual Hallucinations age 81
- Imbalance age 83

# Case History



# Outline

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I. PD Overview

II. Impact of depression on PD Phenotype

III. Recognition of depression in PD

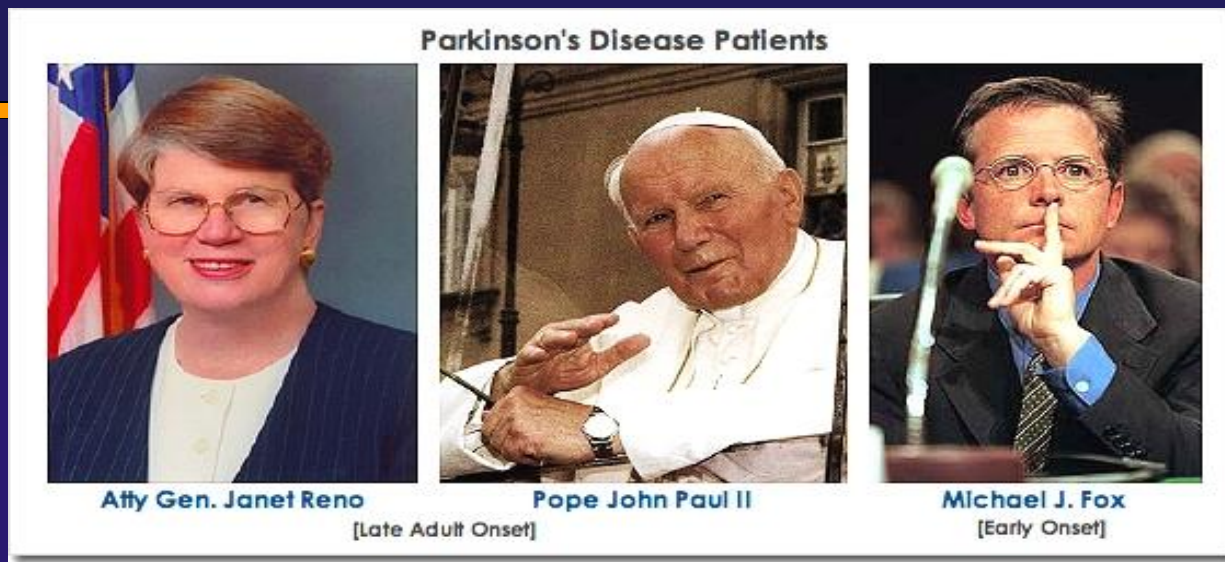
III. Treatment

# PD Overview

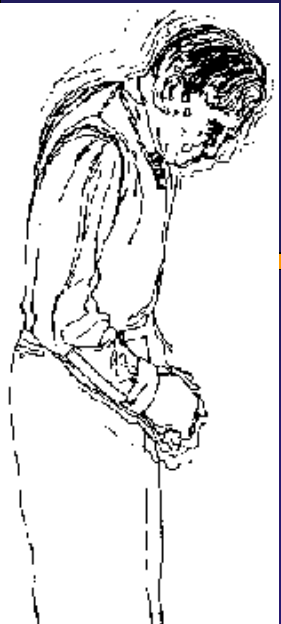




# Parkinson's Disease



- Affects ~ 1 million Americans, ~ 0.3% general population  
~ 1% of the population over age 50  
~ 2.5% > 70 years; ~ 4% > 80 years
- All races, ethnicities
- Affects Men > Women
- Estimated Direct Costs (2004) \$34 Billion/Year



# Motor Features of PD

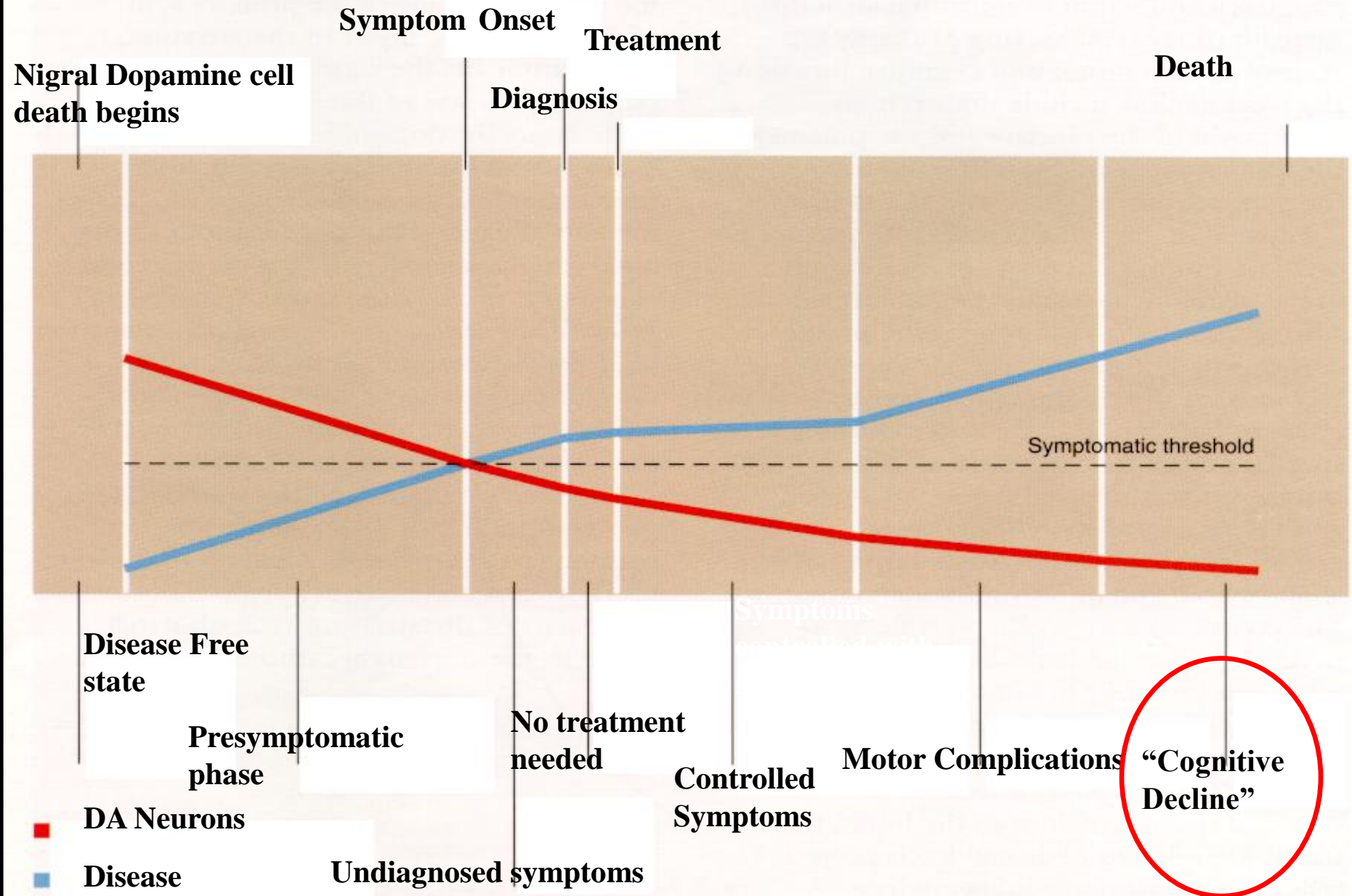
## Classic Motor Triad

- Tremor
- Rigidity
- Bradykinesia/Akinesia



- Gait and Postural Disturbances
  - Dragging, Shuffling, Start Hesitation, Festination
  - Later loss of righting reflexes, Unsteadiness, Imbalance
- Absence of Parkinson-Plus Features
- Motor signs  $\neq$  Disability  $\neq$  Psychological distress

# Traditional View of Course of PD



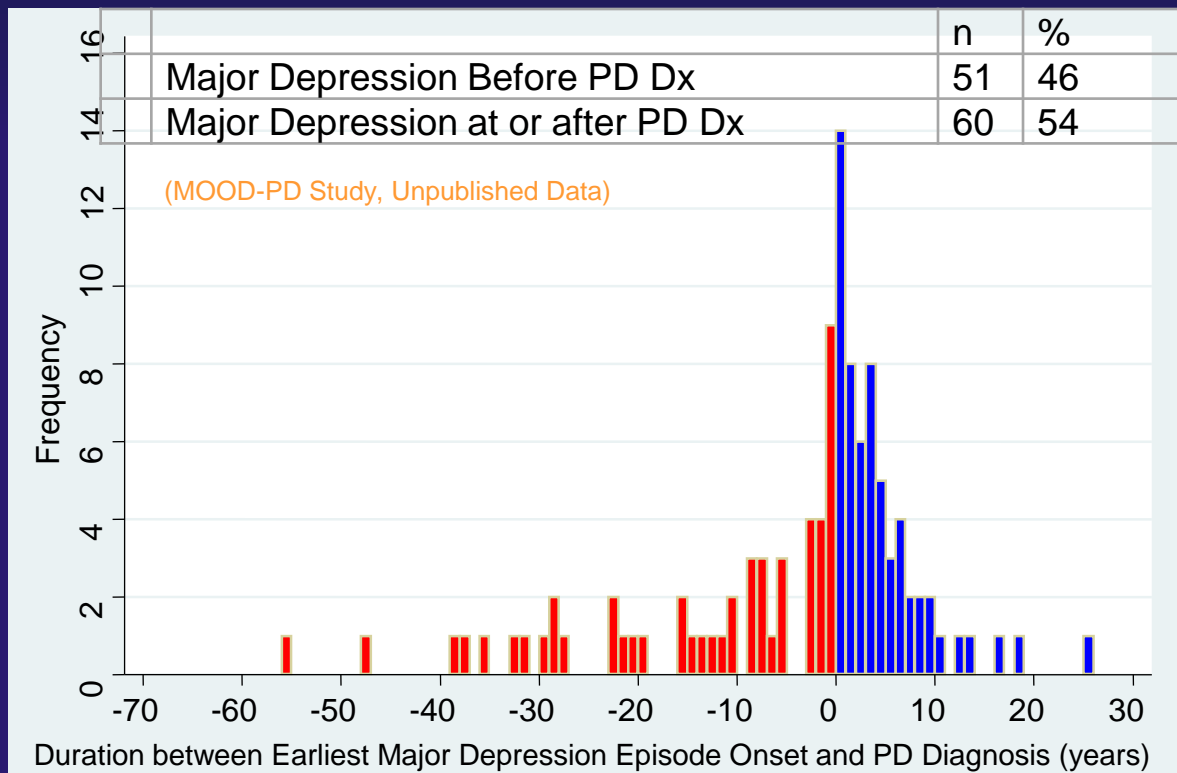
# Pre-PD Psychopathology

## Risk factor or early symptom of PD?

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- **Gonera et al., 1997**
  - 4-8 year prodrome before PD diagnosis - Increased mood and anxiety symptoms
- **Shiba et al., 2000**
  - Up to 20 years before motor signs - anxiety dos (OR=2.2)
  - Up to 5 years before motor signs - depressive dos (OR=1.9)
- **Weisskopf et al., 2002**
  - 12-year follow-up of 35,000 men
  - Relative risk of developing PD (1.5-1.6) - High anxiety and anxiolytic use

# Onset of depression is not related to disease stage or disability



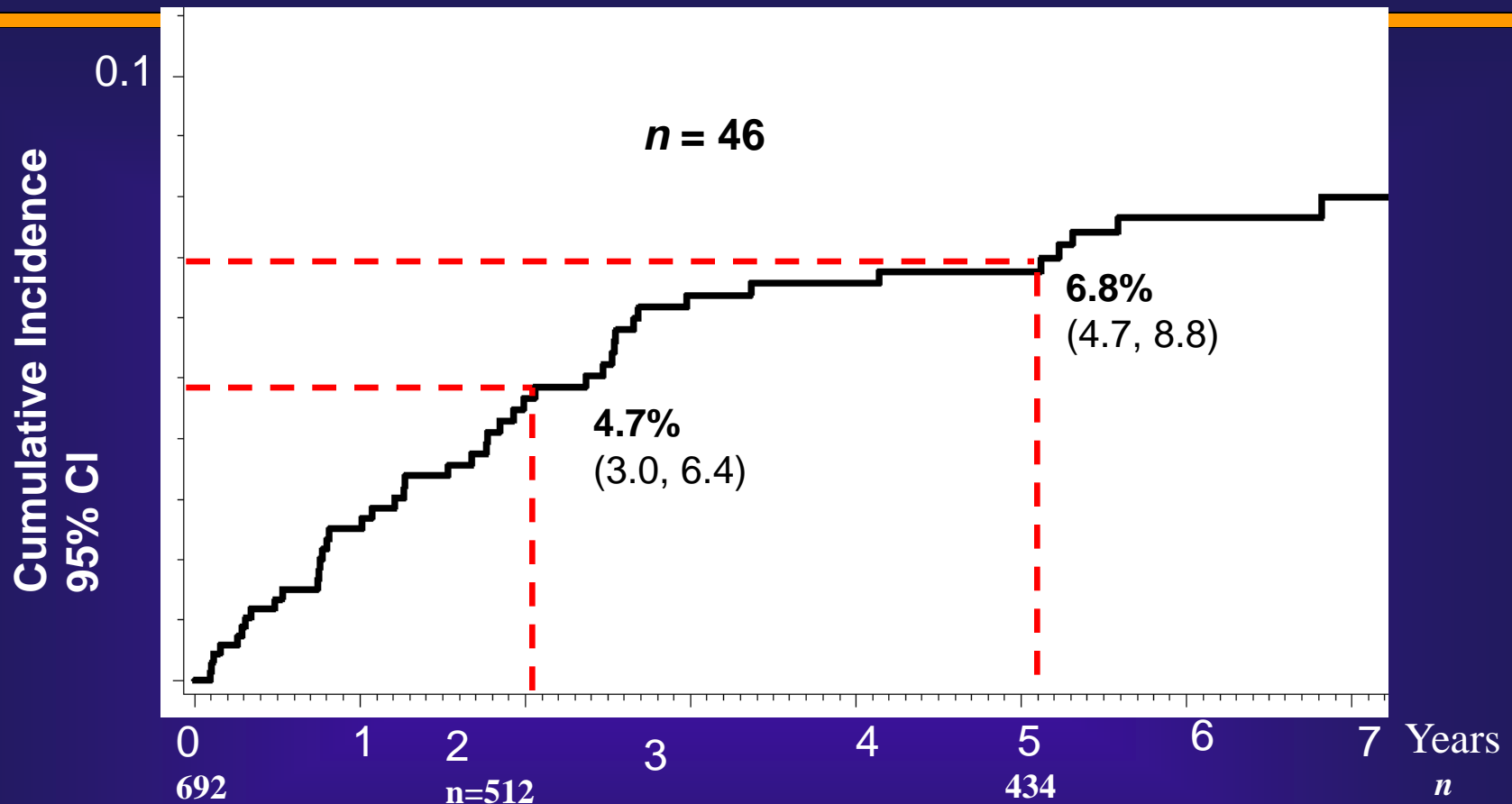
- **Ishihara and Brayne 2006 (review)**
  - On average, affective diagnoses precede PD by 4 to 6 years
  - RR 3.13 (1.95-5.01) Schuurman et al 2002
  - RR 2.4 (1.72-2.93) Nilsson et al 2001
  - RR 2.40 (2.10-2.70) Leentjens et al 2003

# Initial Symptoms of PD (n=183)

Symptom	#
Tremor	129 (70%)
Gait disturbance	21
Stiffness	18
Slowness	18
Muscle pain, cramps, aching	15
Loss of dexterity	14
Handwriting disturbance	9
Depression, nervousness	8
Speech disturbance	7
General fatigue, muscle weakness	5
Drooling	3
Loss of arm swing	3
Facial masking	3

# Increased rates of Depression in Early PD

[DATATOP Study (Uc et al., 2009)]



Annual incidence rate = 1.4% (1.0-1.8)

Time to Depression, based on HAM-D Score = 4.9 2.7 years

# Depressive Symptoms Associated With Initiation of Motor Treatment

## NET-PD Study/Neuroprotective Treatment Trials

n=413 early untreated PD

- Depressive symptoms - GDS-15 $\geq$ 5
- 27.6% + Depression screen over ~ 15 months
- 40% Depression cases left untreated
- Depressive symptoms predicted
  - Increased ADLS ( $p < 0.0002$ )
  - Increased need for symptomatic PD therapy (HR=1.86; 95% CI 1.29-2.68)



# Course of Depression

## NET-PD Study/Neuroprotective Treatment Trials

- Depressive Symptoms remained mild
- 47% remission within 6 months
- Mild depressive symptoms predicted
  - Development of more severe symptoms (RR=6.16 [95%CI 2.14.17.73])
- Sx severity, older age, longer PD duration predicted failure to remit (HR0.83-0.92)

# Neuropsychiatric features have greatest impact on quality of life.

*Clinical features associated with significantly impaired PDQL  
(quality of life) scores*

	<i>p Value</i>
Depression (BDI>17); n=18	<0.001 <sup>†</sup>
MMSE<25; n=13	<0.001
History of hallucinations; n=15	< 0.05
History of falls; n=58	<0.001
Postural instability; n=43	<0.001
Gait impairment; n=61 <sup>†</sup>	<0.001
Akinetic-rigid subtype; n=68	< 0.01

# Neuropsychiatric Features – Most disabling over Disease Course

## Sydney Multi-center Study – 15-year Follow-up

- n=149, 52 surviving ( $71 \pm 8$ ; 55-86 years)
- Most disabling long term symptoms
  - Cognitive decline - 84%
  - Dementia - 48%, MCI - 36%
  - Hallucinations – 50%
  - Depression – 39%

# Treatment Options in PD

- Levodopa/carbidopa
- Dopamine agonists
  - Bromocriptine
  - Pergolide
  - Pramipexole
  - Ropinirole
  - Rotigotine
- MAO-B inhibitors
  - Rasagiline
  - Selegiline
- Other
  - Anticholinergics
  - Amantadine
  - Benztropine
  - Trihexyphenidyl
- Nonpharmacologic
  - Exercise/PT
  - Acupuncture
  - Deep Brain Stimulation
  - Pallidotomy
  - Other

# Antiparkinsonian Medications: Adverse Effects

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- Neuropsychiatric
  - Mood Changes
  - Psychosis
  - Confusion/delirium
  - Disinhibition, gambling, hypersexuality

# Antiparkinsonian Medications: Fluctuating Effects

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- Motor
  - Loss of efficacy
  - End of dose deterioration/On-off phenomena
  - Dose-limiting side effects
    - Hyperkinesia/Dyskinesias
    - Dystonias
  - Concomitant fluctuating psychiatric & cognitive symptoms

# Nonmotor Fluctuations

- **Dysautonomic**
  - Drenching sweats, hot sensation, flushing, dry mouth, dyspnea, dysphagia, constipation, distal cold sensations, excessive salivation, urinary urgency, visual complaints, palpitations, bloating, abdominal pain, chest pain
- **Cognitive/Psychiatric**
  - Slowed thinking, mental hyperactivity, impaired memory, mental emptiness
  - Off-Anxiety (81%), Off-depression (63%), On-hypomania (24%), irritability, psychosis
- **Sensory/Vegetative**
  - Fatigue, akathisia, tightening sensations, tingling, pain

# Levodopa-related Fluctuations

Motor

Mood

Dyskinetic

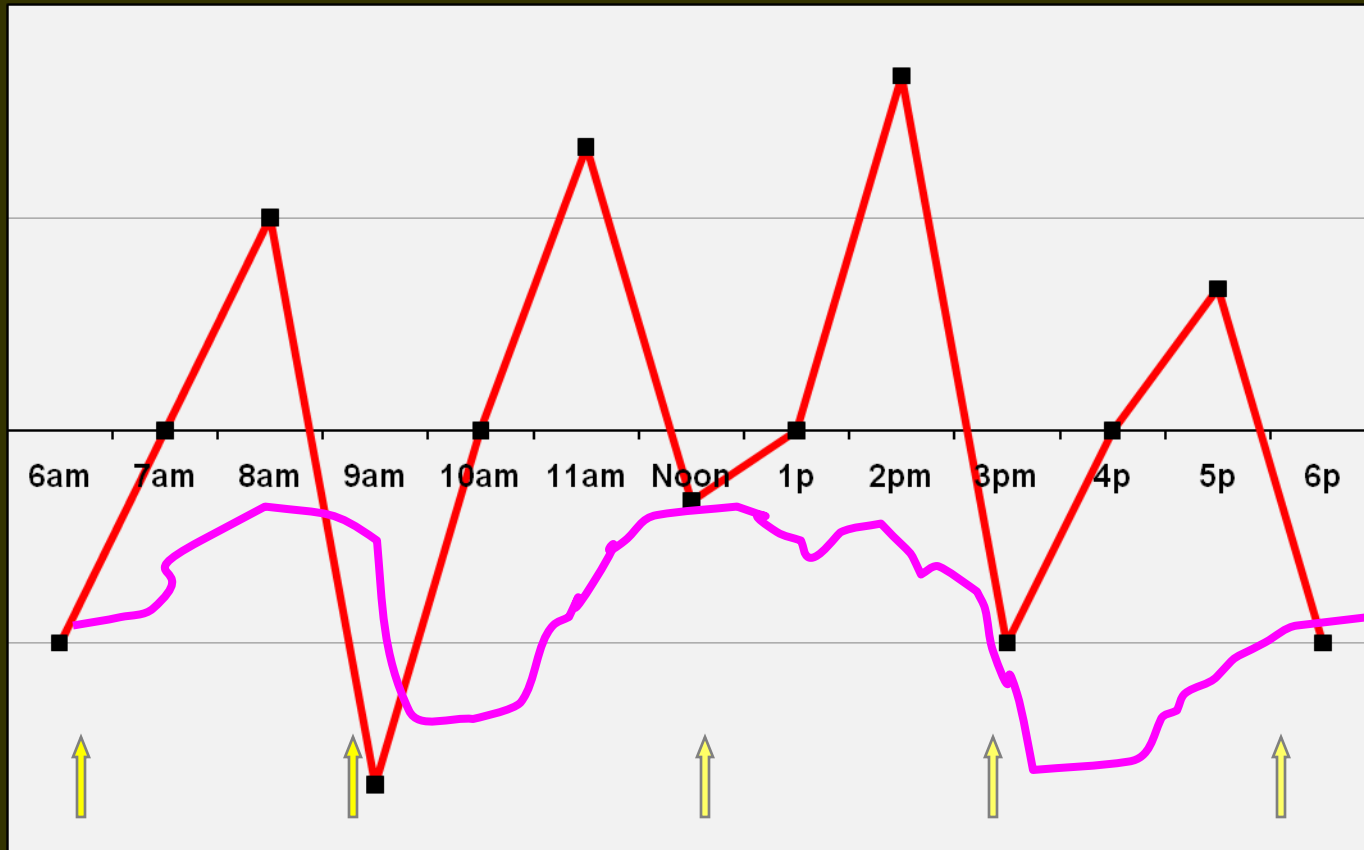
Happy

On

Neutral

Off

Dysphoric



levodopa



Motor state



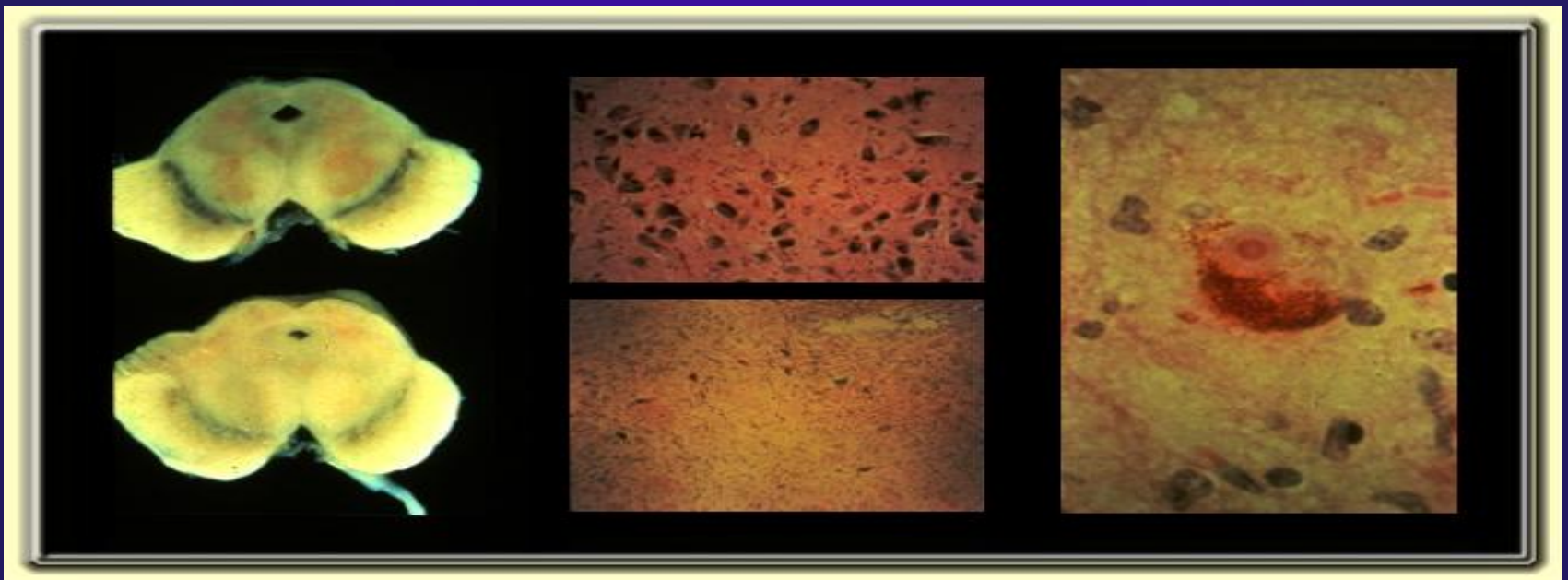
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# Neuropathology of Parkinson's Disease

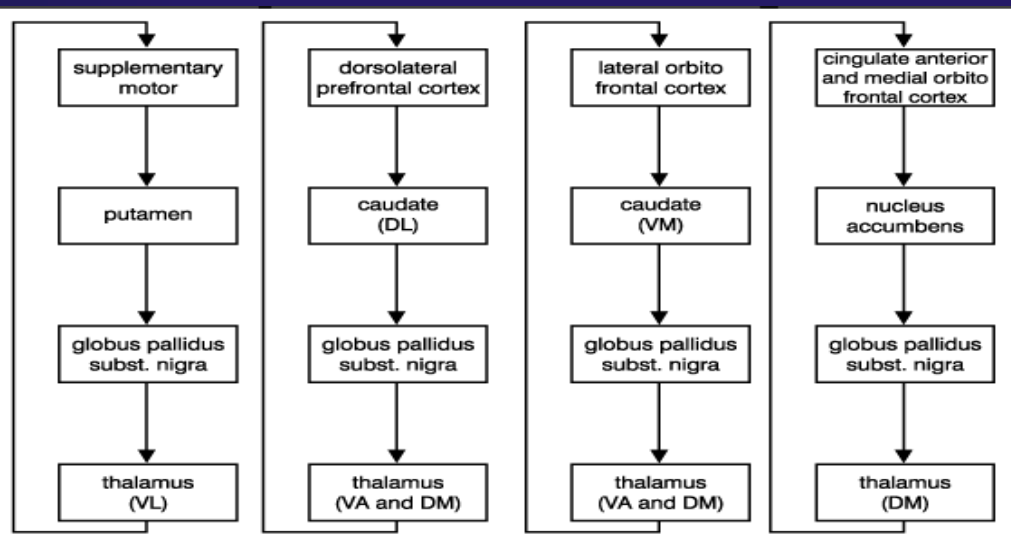
## A Dopamine Deficiency Disease

- Substantia Nigra pars compacta Neuronal Loss
- Substantia Nigra Lewy bodies



# Neuropathology of PD

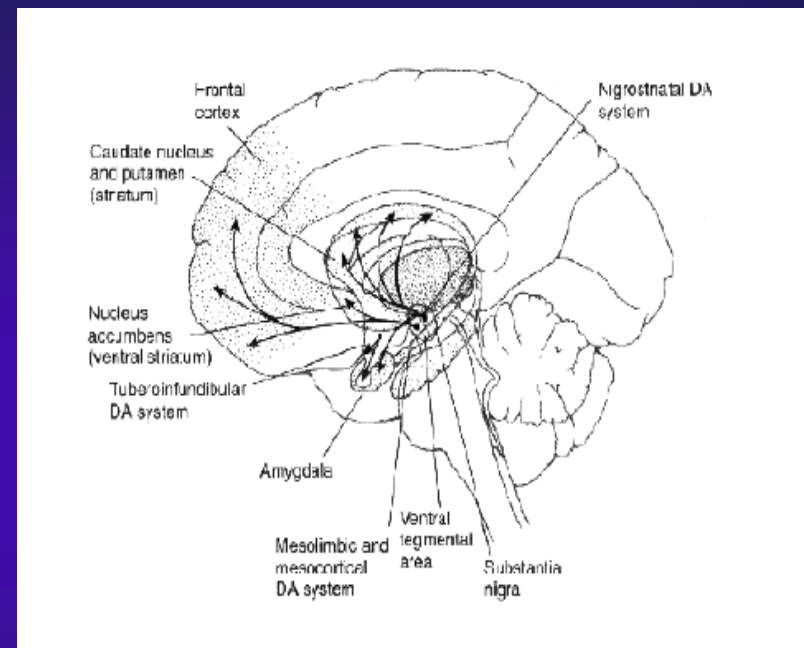
## Affects multiple dopaminergic systems



**Figure 1** - Frontal-striatal connections.

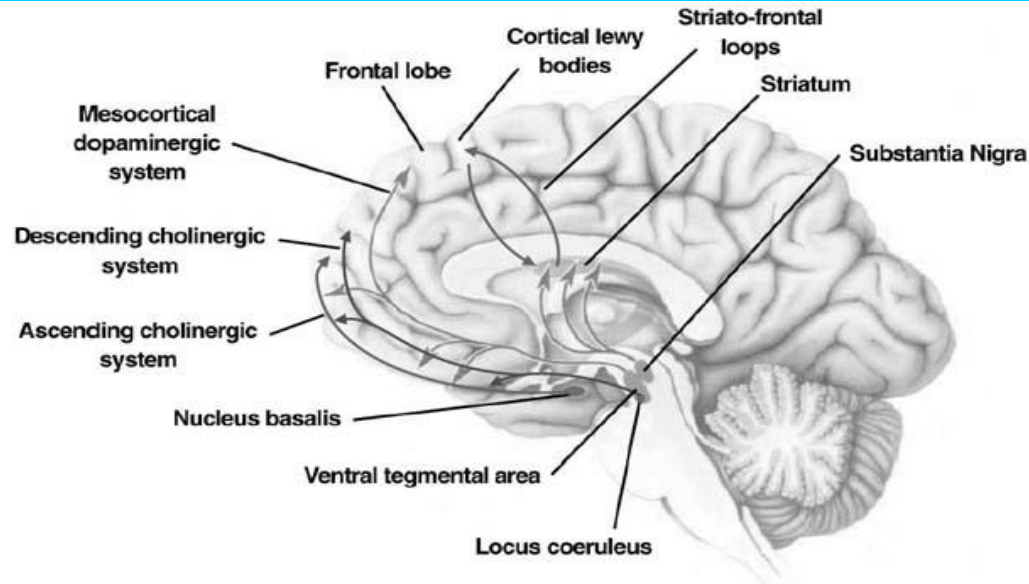
DL: dorsolateral; DM: dorsomedial; VL: ventrolateral;  
VA: ventroanterior; VM: ventromedial.

**Cortico-striatal-Thalamic Circuits:  
Motor, Reinforcement, Higher Order  
Processing**



**Mesostriatal, Mesolimbic,  
Mesocortical Dopaminergic  
Systems**

# Non-dopaminergic Neuropathology

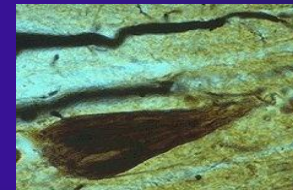
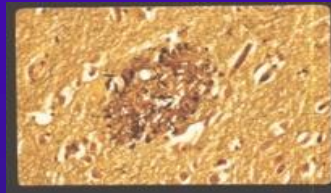


Cognitive changes in Parkinson's disease may result from: 1) degeneration of neural systems (nigrostriatal and mesocortical dopaminergic systems; cholinergic, noradrenergic, serotonergic systems); 2) cortical lesions (intracytoplasmic Lewy bodies, Alzheimer's like neural changes); and/or 3) their interaction.

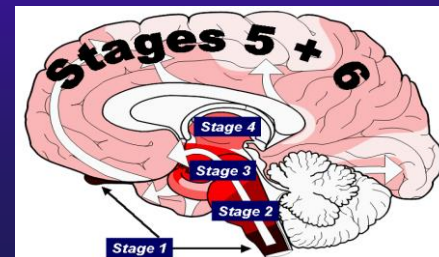
## Neuronal loss

- Locus Coeruleus – NE
- Midbrain raphe – 5HT
- Nucleus basalis – Ach

## Alzheimer-type Changes



## Lewy Body Pathology



# PD Non-Motor Symptom Complex

## Neuropsychiatric Symptoms

Mood disturbances

Depression, anxiety, apathy

Psychosis

Hallucinations, delusions

Behavioral changes

Impulsive, repetitive

Cognitive Changes

Selective deficits, Dementia

## Sleep Disorders

Restless Legs

Periodic Limb Movements

REM Sleep Behavior Disorder

Non-REM Sleep Mvt Disorders

Insomnia, EDS, Vivid Dreams

Sleep-disordered breathing

## Autonomic Symptoms

Bladder DOs-Urgency, Nocturia,  
Frequency

Sweating

Orthostasis

Sexual Dysfunction

Dry eyes

GI-drooling, ageusia, dysphagia, reflux,  
Constipation, Incontinence

## Other symptoms

Sensory – Pain, paresthesias,

Olfactory changes

Fatigue

Seborrhea

Blurred Vision, Diplopia

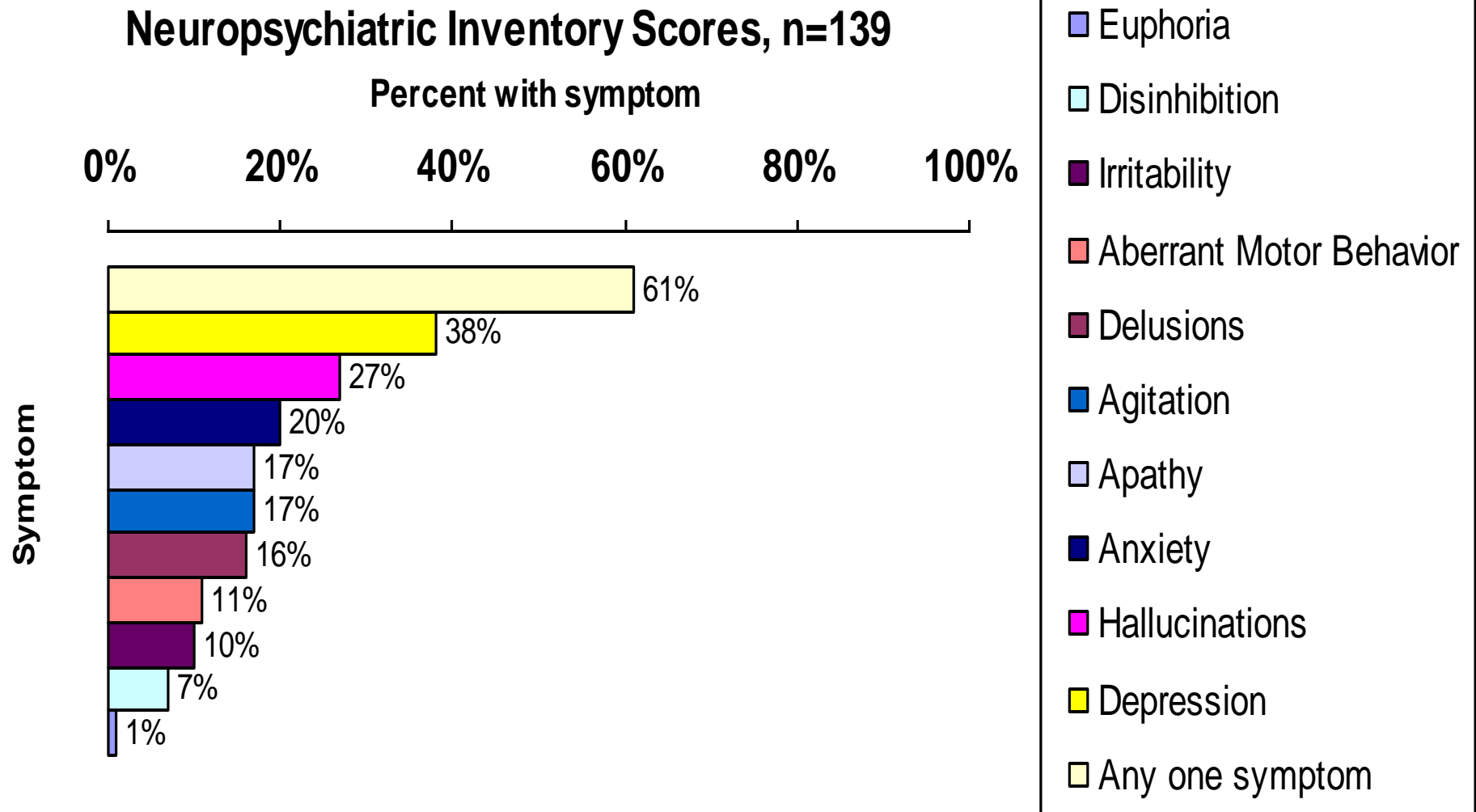
# Early Non-motor features correspond to earliest signs of pathology, e.g., Braak's 6-stages

Stage 1 N=21; medulla oblongata	Lesions in the dorsal IX/X motor nucleus and/or intermediate reticular zone
Stage 2 N=13; medulla oblongata and pontine tegmentum	Pathology of stage 1 plus lesions in caudal raphe nuclei, gigantocellular reticular nucleus, and coeruleus-subcoeruleus complex
Stage 3 N=24; midbrain	Pathology of stage 2 plus midbrain lesions, in particular in the pars compacta of the substantia nigra
Stage 4 N=24; basal prosencephalon and mesocortex	Pathology of stage 3 plus prosencephalic lesions. Cortical involvement is confined to the temporal mesocortex (transentorhinal region) and allocortex (CA2-plexus). The neocortex is unaffected
Stage 5 N=17; neocortex	Pathology of stage 4 plus lesions in high order sensory association areas of the neocortex and prefrontal neocortex
Stage 6 N=11; neocortex	Pathology of stage 5 plus lesions in first order sensory association areas of the neocortex and premotor areas, occasionally mild changes in primary sensory areas and the primary motor field

# Prevalence of depressive disturbances in PD

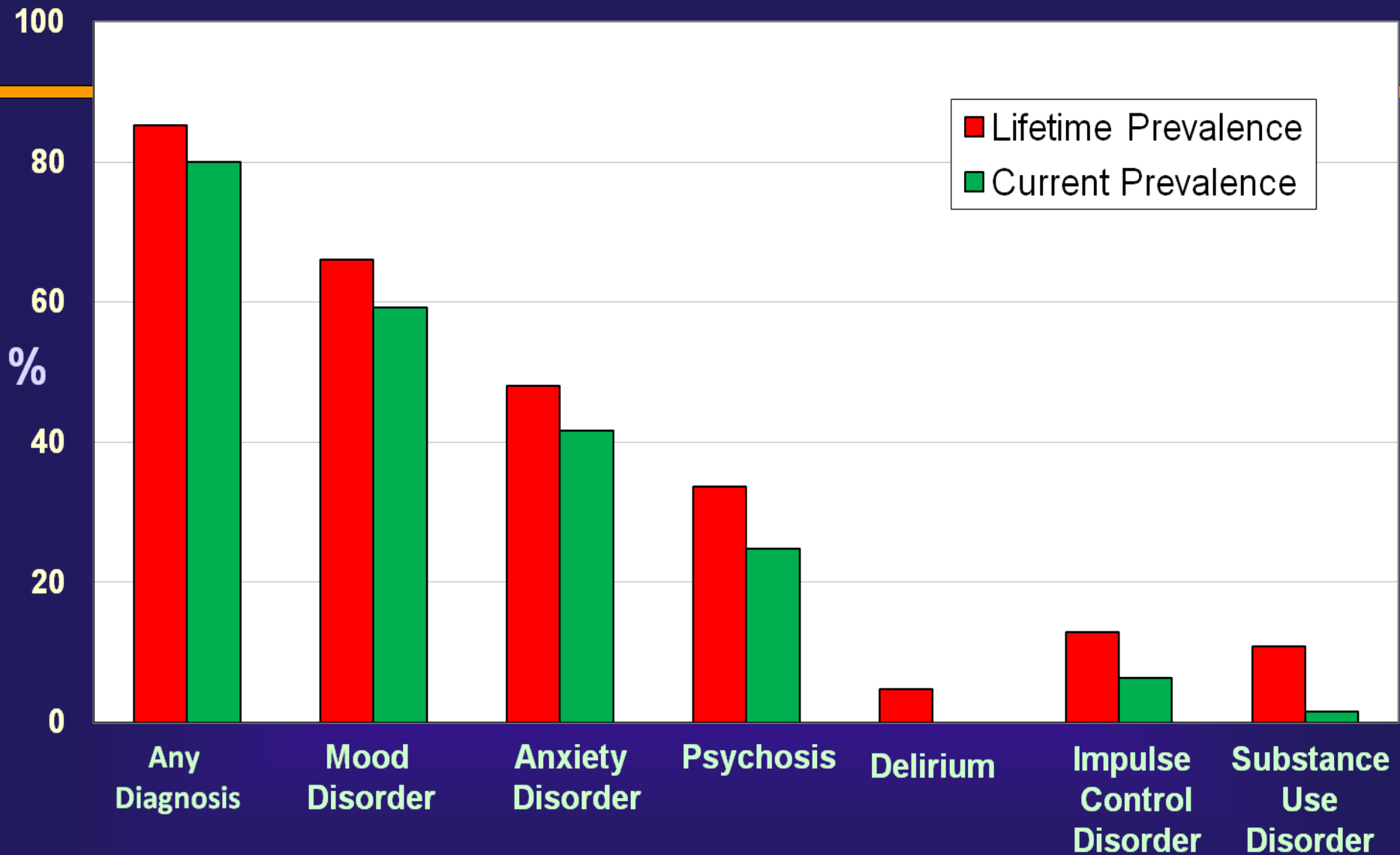


# Wide Range of Psychiatric Symptoms



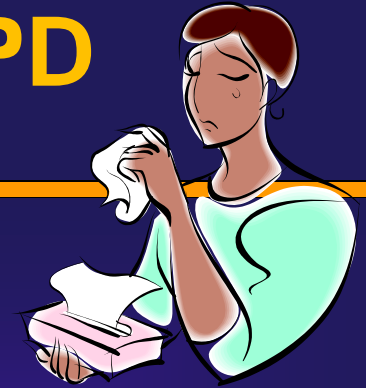
# Range of Psychiatric Diagnoses in PD

(MOOD-PD Study, n=250)



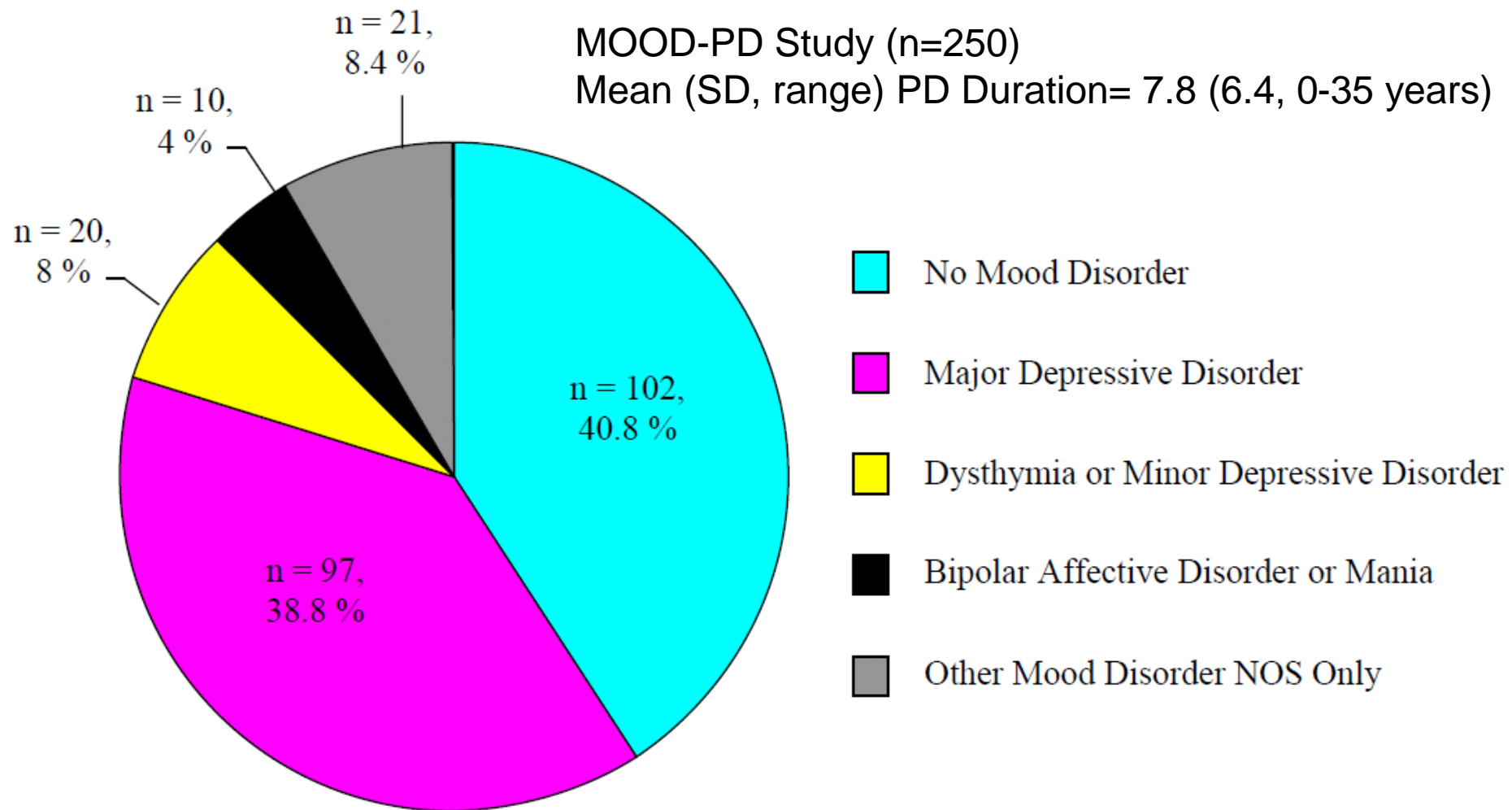


# Depressive Disorders in PD



- Epidemiology
  - ~40% prevalence (range 3% - 90%)
  - Clinically significant depressive symptoms 35%
  - Anxiety disorders are a common co-morbidity
  - Rates of recurrence or treatment resistance unclear

# There is a range of depressive diagnoses



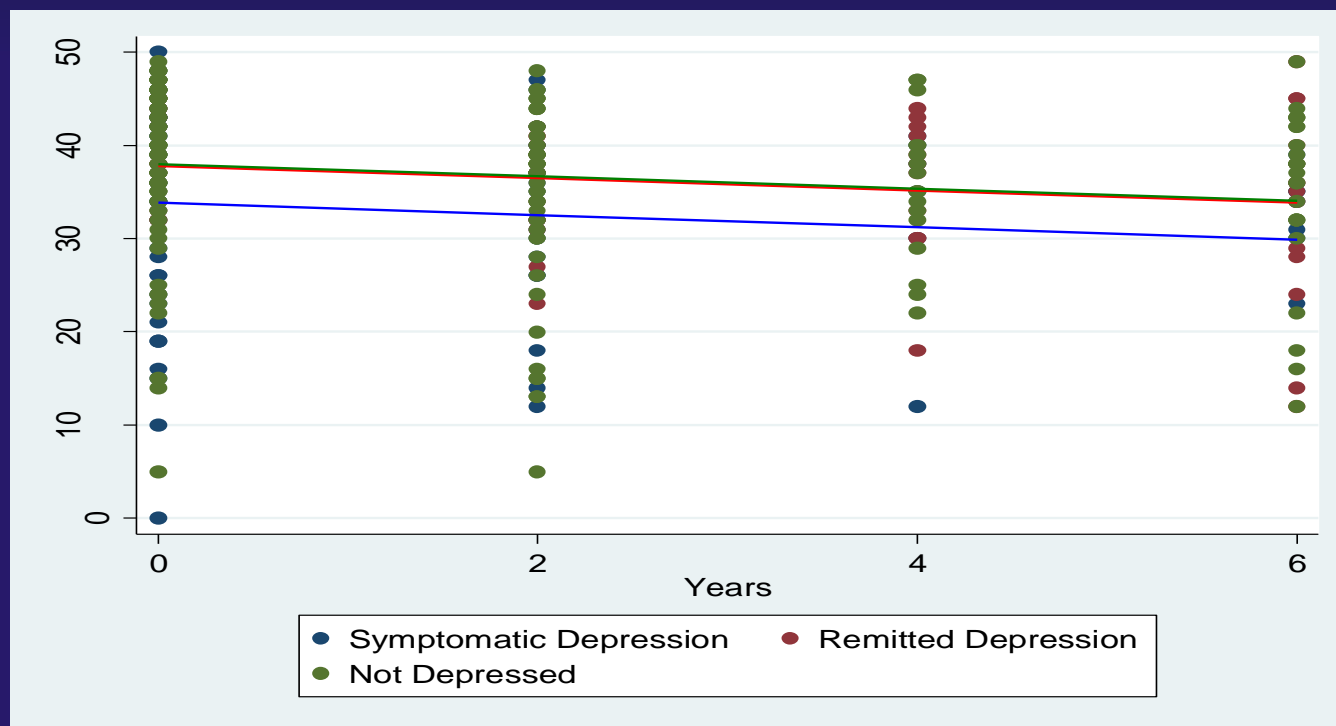


**But even worse ...**



# Symptomatic Depression Worsens Physical ADLs in PD (n=136)

Group differences in Physical ADLs (NWDS) at baseline and 2-year intervals



Marsh et al, 2007

## PD Subjects (Baseline)

Age=67.1 (10.5) yrs; PD Duration=9.4 (6.9) yrs

Symptomatic Depression (SD), n=36

Remitted Depression (RD), n=12

Not Depressed (ND), n=88

At any assessment point, subjects with a symptomatic depressive disorder have greater disability, averaging 3.8 points lower on the NWDS score.  
(GEE Regression: SD vs ND,  $B=-3.8$ ,  $p<.001$ )

# PD Phenotype is Influenced by Depression



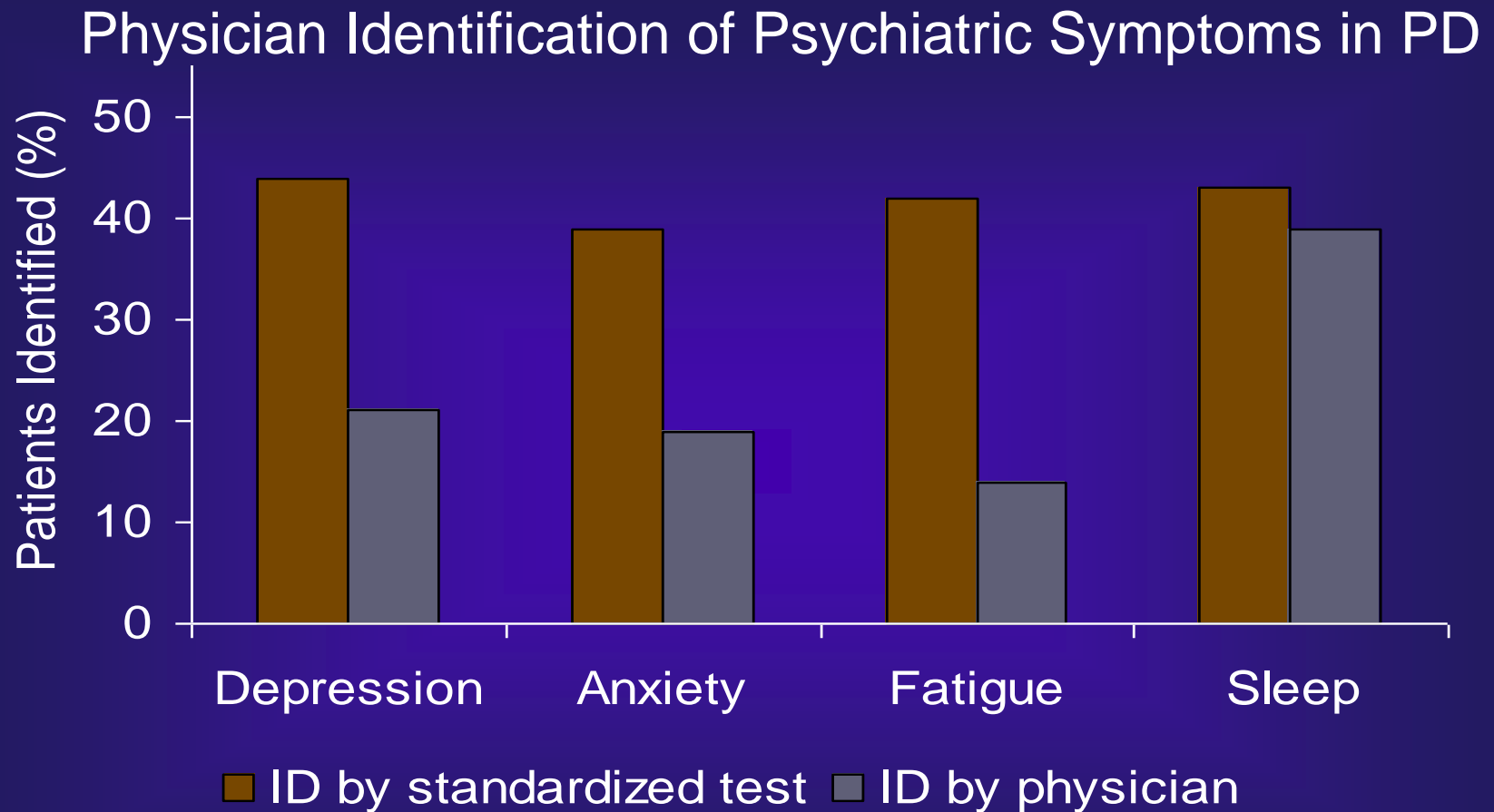
- Associated with increased
  - Motor deficits
  - Cognitive impairment
  - Disability
  - Caregiver burden
  - Economic Strain
  - Concurrent psychiatric conditions
- Depression is not related to disease stage or disability
  - Before motor signs
  - Early or late in PD Course



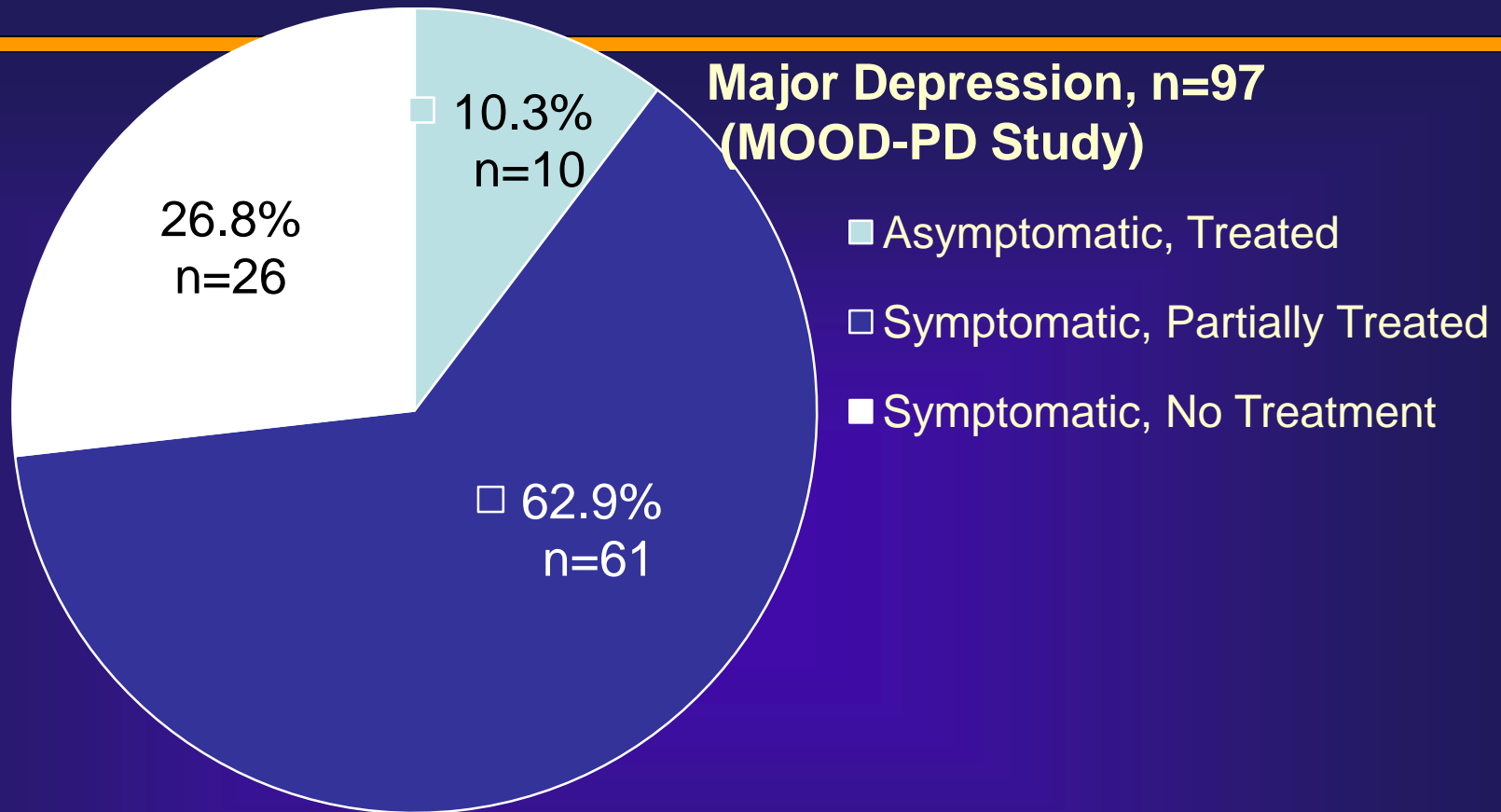
Yet, despite that ...



# Under-recognition of Depressive Symptoms



# Depressive disorders are unrecognized or undertreated



Duration major depressive episode (n=86) = 182.4 (218.8) weeks  
Range 2-1612 weeks. Median 104 weeks.



# Depressive Disorders

- Under-recognized ...
  - ~ 75% missed diagnoses (Shulman, 2002)
  - ~ 65% missed diagnoses (Weintraub 2004)
- Under-treated ...
  - 94% untreated (Meara 1999)
  - 45% under-treated (Weintraub 2004)
- Mis-treated?
  - Medicare Claims for PD patients (n=10,445)
  - 45.2 % Treated with antidepressant medication (Orsini, 2004)



# Recognition of Depression in PD



# PD-Depression: Barriers to Recognition

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- Motor symptoms
  - Define the disease
  - Primary focus of care/interest
  - Mask psychiatric changes
- Depressive symptoms
  - Regarded as 'understandable' reactions
  - Need to be monitored
  - Occur with other mood disorders
  - Stigma
  - Don't ask, don't tell

# How to Detect Depression in PD

## Problem of Overlapping Features



## Major Depression

## Parkinson's Disease

### Motor

Psychomotor Retardation  
± Stoopd Posture  
Restricted/sad affect  
Agitation

Bradykinesia  
Stoopd Posture  
Masked Facies  
Tremor

### Cognitive

Impaired Memory  
Impaired Concentration

### Vegetative

Decreased Energy  
Fatigue  
Sleep/Appetite changes

### Somatic

Physical Complaints  
Sexual, GI, muscle tension





**Depression**



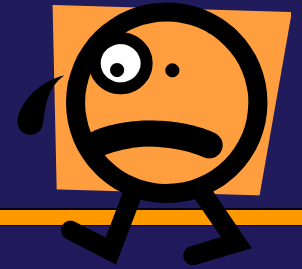
**Depressive Disorder**



# Depression

- An emotion characterized by sad and unhappy feelings
- A normal psychological reaction, especially to loss
- A loosely used term
  - Frustration, anger, disgust, anxiety, overwhelmed, apathetic, tired

# Depressive Disorder



- A psychiatric (medical) condition
- An abnormal and persistent mental state
- Accompanied by physical and mental changes
- Affects function and causes significant distress



# DSM Criteria helpful, but Depressive Disorders have Distinct Emotional Features

- A pervasive change in **Mood**
  - Persistent sadness
  - Decreased interest and enjoyment, anhedonia
  - Pessimism, hopelessness
  - Negative ruminations
  - Inappropriate guilt
  - Negative view of sense of self
  - Morbid and/or suicidal thoughts
  - Feeling overwhelmed, anxious, unable to cope
  - Irritability

# Symptoms of Depressive Disorder Vary

- n=52 PD, Baseline symptoms before treatment for Major Depression (Dobkin 2010)
  - >75% depressed mood, guilt, middle insomnia, early awakening, lack of interest, psychic anxiety, fatigue, low sexual interest
  - <50% suicidal thinking, early insomnia, poor appetite, loss of weight
- n=58 PD, not depressed
  - Subjective performance of cognition related to mood and not objective performance (Marino 2009)

# Depressive Symptom Rating Scales

- **Clinician-rated**

Hamilton Depression Rating Scale

Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale

Cornell scale for Depression in Dementia

- **Self-rated**

- Beck Depression Inventory

- Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale

- Geriatric Depression Scale

- CES-D

- Zung Depression Rating Scale

Schrag et al. 2008; Williams 2010

**\*Inclusive Rating Approach Recommended**

# Methods of Optimal Depression Detection-PD (MOOD-PD) Sample

Overall Depressive Disorder Prevalence			
<b>Depression - Symptomatic</b>	93 (40.6%) 95% CI: 34.2%-47.3%		
<b>Major Depression</b>	78 (34.1%) 95% CI: 27.9%-40.6%		
<b>Non-Major Depression</b>	15 (6.6%) 95% CI: 2.7%-9.0%		
<b>Depression - Remitted</b>	12 (5.2%) 95% CI: 2.7%-9.0%		
	No Active Depressive Disorder (n=136)	Active Depressive Disorder (n=93)	p-value
<b>Age</b>	66.1 (10.0)	66.0 (10.8)	<0.951
<b>Sex</b>	93 M (68%)	60 M 65%)	<0.542
<b>Education</b>	16.5 (3.1)	15.6 (2.6)	<0.025
<b>PD Symptom Duration</b>	8.4 (6.7)	8.7 (6.2)	<0.721
<b>H&amp;Y Stage</b>	I-21 ; I½-7; II-61; II½-27 III-13; IV-5; V-2	I-10; I½-0; II-43; II½-18; III-18; IV-3; V-1	<0.137
<b>UPDRS-Motor</b>	15.9 (9.9) (n=133)	21.6 (12.0) (n=89)	<0.001
<b>MMSE</b>	28.7 (1.3)	27.9 (1.8)	<0.001

# MOOD-PD Depression Rating Scale Scores

Scale	No Active Depressive Disorder (n=136)	Active Depressive Disorder (n=93)	p-value
<b>BDI-II</b>	6.5 (5.2)	14.7 (7.4)	<0.001
<b>CESD-R</b>	9.3 (10.1)	22.1 (15.1)	<0.001
<b>GDS-30</b>	5.8 (5.2)	13.7 (6.8)	<0.001
<b>IDS-SR</b>	13.3 (8.0)	24.8 (10.1)	<0.001
<b>PHQ-9</b>	3.8 (3.8)	8.9 (5.2)	<0.001
<b>UPDRS-Depression</b>	0.2 (0.5)	1.0 (0.9)	<0.001
<b>HAM-D-17</b>	4.5 (3.2)	11.1 (5.2)	<0.001

Mean (SD)

# Most Depression Scales have Adequate Psychometric Properties in PD Samples

## MOOD-PD and Comparison Studies

Measure	AUC	$\alpha$	Cut-off Score†	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV
<b>BDI-II</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>≥7</b>	<b>0.95</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.94</b>
<b>CESD-R</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>≥12</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.79</b>
<b>GDS-30</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>≥10</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.81</b>
Ertan 2005	0.89		≥14	0.78	0.85	0.84	0.79
McDonald 2006	0.86		≥10	0.81	0.84	0.58	0.94
<b>IDS-SR</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>≥14</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>0.90</b>
<b>PHQ-9</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>≥6</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.77</b>
<b>UPDRS-Depression</b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>≥1</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.79</b>
Starkstein 2007	0.79	N/A	≥2	0.66	0.81	0.81	0.66
<b>HAM-D-17</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>≥7</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.83</b>
‡Leentjens 2000	0.95		≥14	0.88	0.89	0.74	0.96
McDonald 2006	N/A		≥13	0.81	0.82	0.58	0.93
<b>IDS-C</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>≥12</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.73</b>	<b>0.86</b>
<b>MADRS</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>≥8</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.83</b>
‡Leentjens 2000	0.90		≥15	0.88	0.89	0.74	0.96
Silberman 2006	0.84		≥8	0.72	0.82	0.72	0.82

†The cut-off point that maximized the sum of sensitivity and specificity are presented for comparison to other studies, not as a recommendation for a cut-off score to be used in clinical practice.

# Symptoms Assessed in Different Rating Scales

Instrument	Ham-D	BDI-I	CESDR	PHQ9	GDS
Dysphoria	x	x	x	x	x
Anhedonia	x	x	x	x	x
Weight/Appetite Changes	x	x	x	x	
Sleep Disturbance	x	x	x	x	
Psychomotor Retardation	x		x	x	
Fatigue		x	x	x	x
Worthlessness/Guilt	x	x	x	x	x
Bradyphrenia		?	x	x	x
Suicide/Death	x	x	x	x	
# DSM Criteria	7	7	9	9	5
# Somatic Sx	3	3	4	4	1

DSM Depressive Criteria: Sad mood, Anhedonia/Interest, Appetite, Sleep, Agitation/Retardation, Energy, Self-attitude/guilt, Cognitive, Suicidality

# Fluctuating Mood States

## Motor and “Non-motor” Fluctuations

Motor

Mood

Dyskinetic

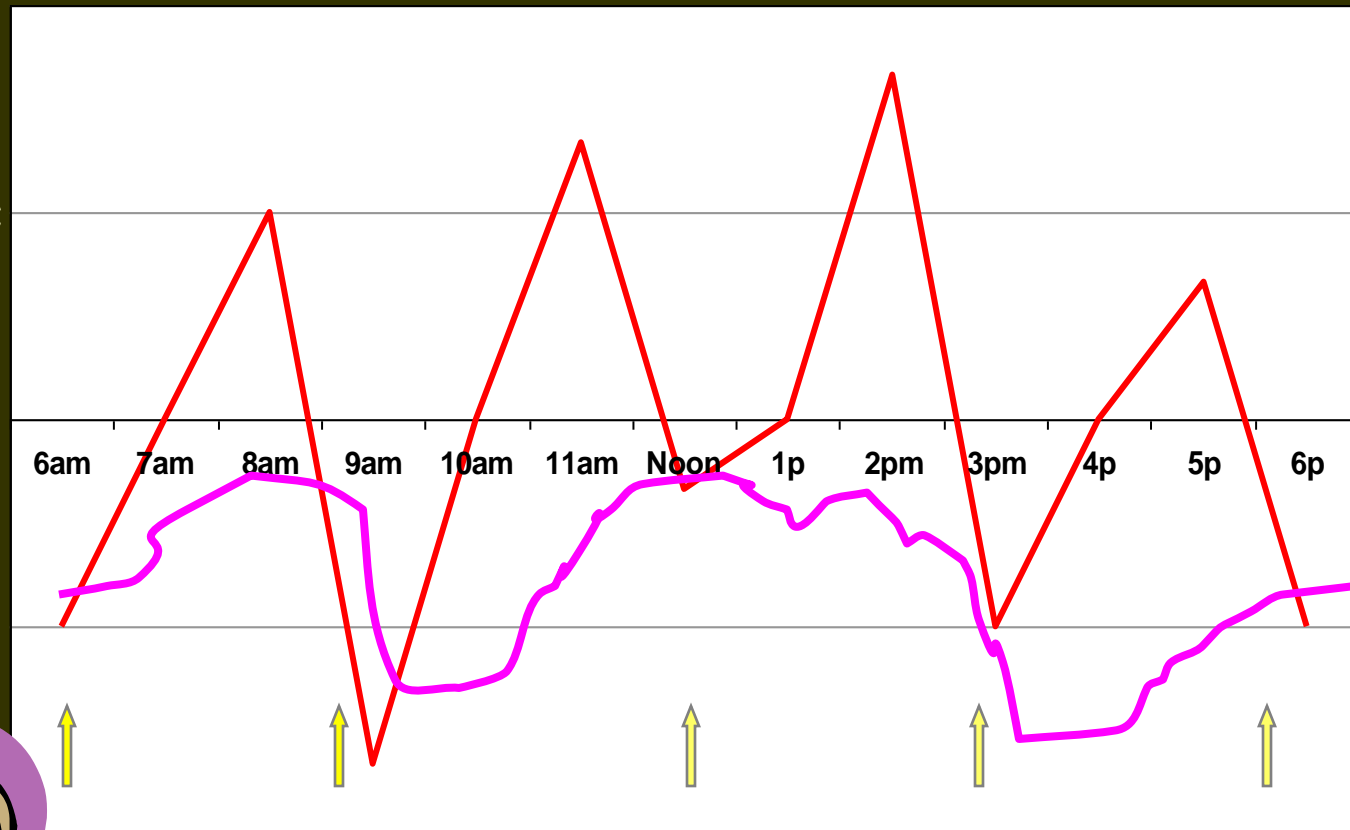
Happy

On

Neutral

Off

Anxious  
Sad



levodopa

Motor state

Mood/Cognitive state





# Anxiety Disorders



- **Clinical Features**

- 25-40% prevalence
- Onset may precede PD
- Often accompany depressive disorders
- Not an understandable reaction to motor symptoms

- **Types**

- Panic Disorder, Generalized Anxiety, Phobias,  
Wearing-off anxiety/panic



# Apathy

- **Prevalence**

- ~ 30% as a feature of a depressive disorder
- ~ 10% as an independent disorder

- **Clinical features**

- Loss of motivation
- Emotional indifference
- Reduced goal-directed activities
- Patients with primary apathy do NOT complain



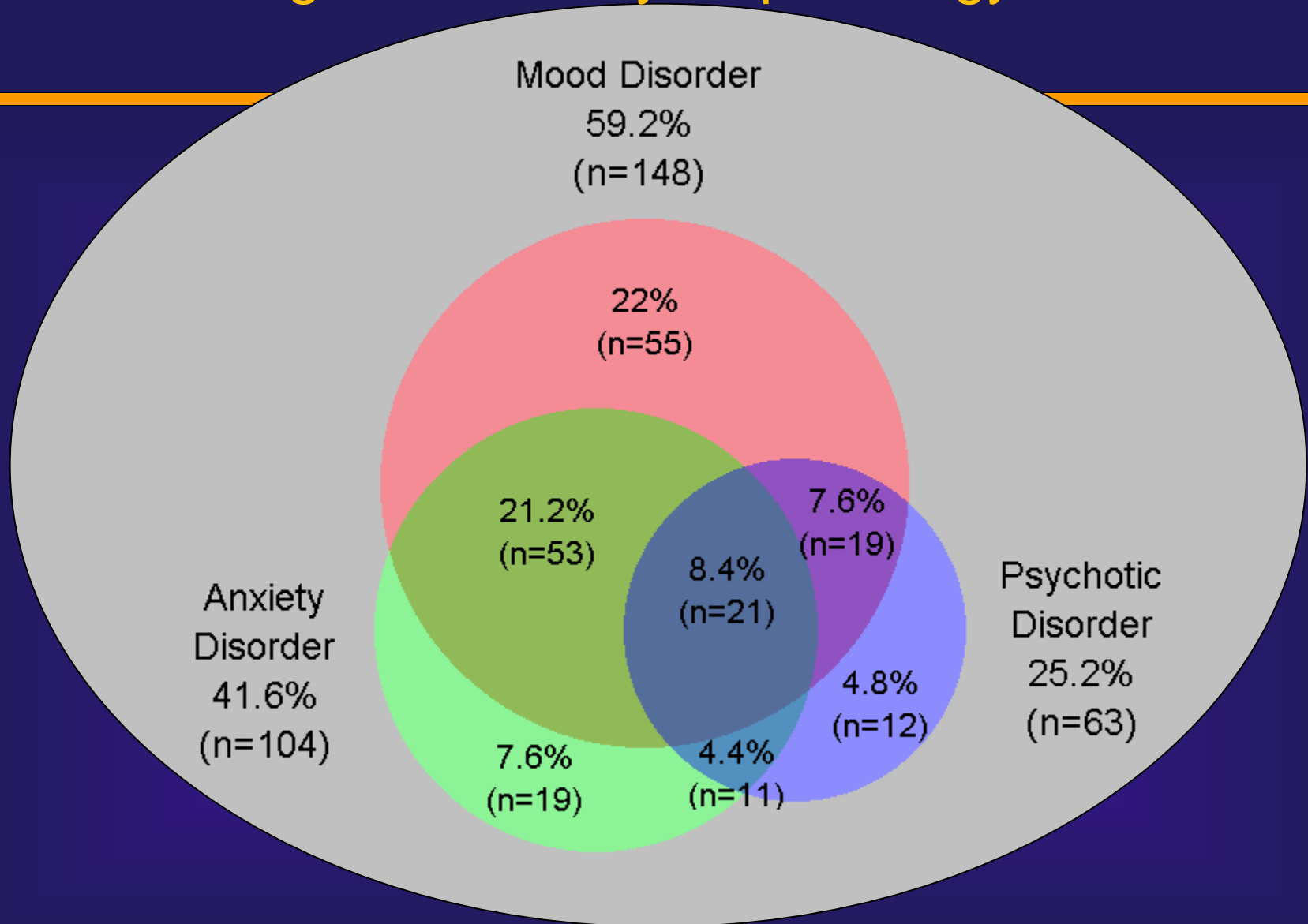
# Emotionalism/Pathological Crying



- Prevalence
  - 40-50%
  - Associated with Depressive Disorders, Delirium, Benzodiazapines
- Clinical Features
  - Heightened, excessive sentimentality/tear
  - Inappropriate, unmotivated, involuntary
  - Precipitated by a variety of emotions
  - Social embarrassment/Phobic avoidance



# Co-morbidities drive complexity in the Assessment and Management of Psychopathology in PD



% of total sample (n=250) with diagnosis

Marsh et al. Unpublished



# Treatment of Depression



# Psychiatric Treatment

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- Targeted and individualized approach
- Adjust/Optimize anti-parkinsonian regimen
- Treat medical conditions/delirium
- Use specific psychiatric medications
  - Anti-depressants
  - Sleep medicines
  - Anti-anxiety medicines
  - Anti-psychotics

# • Use Non-pharmacologic Treatments

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- Education
  - Psychiatric aspects of PD
  - Coping strategies
  - Caregiver issues
- Psychotherapy
  - Counseling/problem-solving
  - Supportive, directive, insight-oriented, grief counseling, Cognitive-behavioral therapy
  - Caregiver support
- Rehabilitative therapies
  - Occupational, Physical, Speech Therapies
  - Exercise/Exercise classes/Personal trainers
  - Relaxation training
- Social Supports
  - Socialization, Support groups, Home care

# Cognitive Behavior Treatment (CBT) Trials for Mood Dos in PD

Armento M, In preparation

	<b>n</b>	<b>Dx</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>RCT?</b>
Dobkin 2006	3	MDD	12-14	Min $\Delta$ Anxiety	Case Series
Dobkin 2007	15	MDD	10-14	Trend $\downarrow$ anxiety	Pilot study
Dobkin in press		MDD	10-14	$\downarrow$ Depression	Yes
Dreisig 1999	79	Depression	6	Impr Anx	1 month
Feeney 2005	4	Depr/Anxiety	8 group	No $\Delta$ Anxiety	Pilot
Macht 2007	3	Depr, Social anxiety, freezing	12-18 months	$\downarrow$ anxiety	Case series
Veazey 2009	14	Anxiety/Depression	9 (8 on phone)	$\downarrow$ anxiety (BAI)	Yes-CBT vs Support grp



# Components of Various CBT Trials in PD Patients

Basic CBT components: Automatic thoughts, Triggers, PD specific adaptations

Problem Solving

Breathing strategies

Exposure

Activity Scheduling

Stress management

Behavior Modification

Sleep Hygiene

Relaxation

Cognitive Restructuring

Caregiver Strategies to reinforce therapy for patient

Self Monitoring

Health Promotion

Symptom (depression/anxiety) management

Social Skills Training

Written strategies

# Coping Strategies

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- Best if
  - Flexible
    - Vary Active versus Passive Approaches
  - Dynamic
  - Individualized

# Pharmacological Treatments



# The Motion–Emotion Conundrum

**Maintain motion**



**Control emotion**

# Antidepressants

Class	Reuptake Inhibition
SNRIs	Serotonin-Norepinephrine Tricyclic Antidepressants, Venlafaxine, Duloxetine
NDRIs	Norepinephrine-Dopamine Bupropion
SSRIs	Serotonin Fluoxetine, sertraline, paroxetine, fluvoxamine, escitalopram
SARIs	Serotonin Antagonist Trazodone, nefazodone
NASAs	Norepinephrine/ Serotonin Antagonists Mirtazipine
ECT	

# Antidepressant studies

- **Paroxetine (Paxil)**
  - Chung et al., 2005, n=12
    - No effects on PD symptoms
    - May affect balance
- **Nefazodone (Serzone) vs Fluoxetine (Prozac)**
  - Avila et al. 2003, n=16
  - Both reduced depressive symptoms
  - Motor symptoms improved on Nefazodone
- **Citalopram (Celexa)**
  - Menza et al., 2004, n=10, open-label
    - Celexa improved depressive and anxiety symptoms
  - Wermuth et al., 1998: No difference between placebo and Cit
- **Amitriptyline vs fluoxetine**
  - Serrano-Duenas, 2002: Ami>Fluoxetine, but +++Side-effects
- **Sertraline vs placebo**
  - Leentjens et al., 2003, n=12: No group difference

# Antidepressant studies

- **Atomoxetine** (Weintraub et al., 2010)
  - Norepinephrine Reuptake inhibitor
  - n=55 PD patients, 8week RCT
  - Depression unchanged
  - Improvement global cognition (MMSE score)/enhanced attention
- **Citalopram** (Menza et al., 2004)
  - SSRI
  - n=10, 8week Open-label Trial
  - Improved depression and anxiety
  - Improvement global cognition (MMSE score)/enhanced attention
- **Citalopram** (Culang et al 2009)
  - N=174 unipolar depression, >75 years, no PD
  - 8-week trial RCT
  - Non-responders: Decline in verbal fluency, psychomotor speed
  - Responders: improved visuospatial functioning (not c/t placebo)
  - Seek additional treatment for non-response

# Antidepressant studies

- **Dopamine agonists**

- Moller et al., 2005; Reichman et al. 2004
  - Open-label pramipexole ↓ PD Depressive symptoms
- Barone et al. 2006, n=67
  - 12 wk RCT pramipexole (1.5-4.5 mg/d) vs sertraline (50 mg/day)
  - More pts in remission on pramipexole (61% vs 27%)
- Barone et al. 2010, n=287
  - 12 wk RCT pramipexole (0.125-1 mg tid) vs Placebo
  - Decreased Depressive and Motor Symptoms on pramipexole
  - Improved depression independent of motor function



# Antidepressant studies

- **Recent placebo-controlled trials**
  - Devos et al 2008, n=48
    - 14 days: Desipramine 75 mg > Citalopram 20 mg, Placebo
    - 30 days: Desipramine = Citalopram > Placebo
  - Menza et al 2009, n=52
    - 8 weeks: Nortriptyline (64 mg) > paroxetine 32 mg, placebo
  - Richard et al (in press) (SAD-PD Study), n=115, 17 sites
    - 12 weeks: Paroxetine (24 mg), venlafaxine XR (121mg) > Placebo
    - Remitters (Ham-D  $\leq 7$  at week 12): PAR=44%, VEN=37%, PLB=32%
    - Responders (Ham-D  $\geq 50\%$  ↓ baseline to Week 12)
      - PAR=68%, VEN 53%, PLB 44%

# Antidepressants are Effective for PD-Depression, but Response often Incomplete

- **N=52, Major Depression/Dysthymia + PD**
  - 8 week trial: Nortriptyline vs paroxetine vs placebo
  - Clinical response: 50% reduction in Ham-D score
    - Nortriptyline superior to placebo and paroxetine
    - 16 responders (3 paroxetine, 4 Placebo, 9 NTP)
    - 36 nonresponders (15 paroxetine, 13 placebo, 8 NTP)
  - Responders
    - Sig improved Mood, middle insomnia, interest, somatic anxiety
  - Residual symptoms in Responders
    - >50% depressed mood, lack of interest, psychic anxiety, low energy

# Important Side Effects/Interactions

- Potential for hypertensive Crisis or Serotonin Syndrome
  - Selegeline, Rasagaline plus MAO's
- Orthostasis
- GI Upset
- Sedation
- Anticholinergic side effects
- Benzodiazepine side effects
- Increased parkinsonism
  - Antidepressants (+)
  - Lithium
  - Sodium Valproate
  - Amoxapine
  - Neuroleptics

# Conclusions

- Depressive Disorders
  - Common in PD over its course
  - Have a negative impact
  - Are under-recognized
  - Have features that overlap with motor symptoms of PD as well as other psychiatric conditions
  - Are treatable
- Treating depressive disorders effectively, and to remission, reduces excess disability

